



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Soil moisture supplies increased slightly following widespread rain and snow covering most of the State during the last half of the week. Fieldwork continued at a reduced pace between precipitation events. Thunderstorms with strong winds, localized hail and a few tornados were observed in the northeastern part of the State. Calving and lambing progressed without notable concerns. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 65 percent average and 35 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 82 percent average, and 17 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	27	23	42	44
Emerged .....	4	1	5	17
Corn				
Planted .....	1	--	2	4
Onions				
Planted .....	33	25	56	62
Potatoes				
Planted (Outside San Luis Valley) .....	43	35	10	18
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	20	18	28	34
Emerged .....	8	6	5	10
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	29	14	28	22
Winter wheat				
Pastured .....	8	9	6	8
Jointed .....	20	9	15	21
Cows calved .....	87	81	86	82
Ewes lambled .....	83	75	79	76

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### PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	7	5	11	17
Poor .....	29	35	25	53
Fair .....	36	31	35	33
Good .....	26	27	28	26
Excellent .....	2	2	1	1

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	4.3	6.4	5.6	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	5	8	16	16
Short .....	30	34	34	27
Adequate.....	63	57	49	55
Surplus.....	2	1	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	15	16	25	22
Short .....	35	37	32	32
Adequate.....	48	45	42	45
Surplus.....	2	2	1	1

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat .....	3	13	33	44	7
Livestock.....	--	3	25	63	9

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